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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

The following Amendment and Response to Restriction/Election Requirement is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 11, 2006 and is being timely filed within the shortened statutory period set for response. Kindly amend the above-identified U.S. patent application, without prejudice, as follows: